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FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS PROVIDED BY THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION TO THE SUBJECT DRAFT SAFETY CODE. QUOTE:

1. THE PREFACE STATES THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE CODE MAY
BE APPLICABLE TO THE REGULATION OF OTHER NUCLEAR FACILITIES
INCLUDING DEMONSTRATION REACTORS. SINCE A DEMONSTRATION
REACTOR IS USUALLY INTENDED TO PRODUCE POWER, THERE APPEARS
TO BE NO REASON WHY THE CODE WOULD NOT BE APPLICABLE TO
SUCH REACTORS.

2. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE DEFINITION OF "AUDIT" IN THE
NEW COORDINATED DEFINITION LIST FORWARDED TO MEMBER STATES

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BY MR. IANSITI ON 21 JULY ;976 BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE

DEFINITION IN THE CODE. THE SAME COMMENT APPLIES TO THE DEFINITIONS OF "INSPECTION", "REFERENCE PLANT" AND "REGULATORY INSPECTION". IN ADDITION, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE DEFINITION OF "DECOMMISSION" BE CHANGED TO READ "A PHASE DURING WHICH THE PLANT IS REMOVED FROM OPERATIONAL STATUS AND DISMANTLED TO SATISFY PLANT RETIREMENT CONDITIONS

ESTABLISHED BY THE REGULATORY BODY". THIS DEFINITION WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE DEFINITION OF "COMMISSIONING" AND REFLECT THE LICENSEE'S ACTIVITY.

3. IN THE LIST IN SECTION 3.2.2., THE ITEM "QUALITY ASSURANCE AND CONTROL" SHOULD BE CHANGED SO AS TO DELETE THE "AND CONTROL" TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMINOLOGY USED IN THE REST OF THE CODE AND IN THE CODE OF PRACTICE ON QUALITY ASSURANCE.

4. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT SEC. 3.2.3(C) BE CHANGED TO READ "THE BREADTH OF RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED TO THE REGULATORY BODY IN ADDITION TO REGULATION OF NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS FROM THE STANDPOINT OF RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AND". IF THE REGULATORY BODY HAD RESPONSIBILITY RELATING TO NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, AS RECOGNIZED IN THE PREFACE, STAFF SIZE WOULD BE AFFECTED.

5. IN SEC. 4.2.1, THE WORD "STATUTORY" IN THE SECOND SENTENCE SHOULD BE DELETED, SINCE A STATUTORY FRAMEWORK IS PROVIDED BY LEGISLATION, NOT REGULATION.

6. SECTION 7.3.4 ON MATTERS FOR REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT PRIOR TO COMMISSIONING AND SECTION 7.3.5 ON MATTERS FOR REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT BEFORE OPERATION SHOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM ADDED TO EACH SECTION: "REVIEW THE QUALITY ASSURANCE ORGANIZATION AND PROGRAMME FOR THE PROJECT."

ADDING THIS ITEM TO THESE SECTIONS WOULD MAKE THEM CONSISTENT WITH THE PRECEDING SECTION 7.3.3 ON CONSTRUCTION. IT WOULD ALSO MAKE THESE SECTIONS CONSISTENT WITH SECTION UNCLASSIFIED

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9.5. SECTION 9.5, FOR EXAMPLE, STATES THAT THE REGULATORY BODY SHOULD REVIEW AND APPROVE CHANGES TO THE PROGRAMME FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE AND IT SHOULD CONDUCT PERIODIC AUDITS AND REGULATORY INSPECTIONS DURING OPERATION TO ENSURE THAT THE LICENSEE'S QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAMME APPROVED BY THE REGULATORY BODY IS CARRIED OUT. KISSINGER

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